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BOARD REPORT

NO. 23-003

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK – BRONSON CANYON OUTDOOR IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21207) PROJECT – COMMITMENT OF PARK FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(3) [OPERATION, REPAIR, MAINTENANCE OR MINOR ALTERATION OF EXISTING HIGHWAYS AND STREETS, SIDEWALKS, GUTTERS, BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAILS, STORAGE AREAS, PARKING LOTS, ETC.], CLASS 4(1) [GRADING ON LAND WITH A SLOPE OF LESS THAN TEN PERCENT (10%), EXCEPT WHERE IT IS TO BE LOCATED IN A WATERWAY, IN ANY WETLAND, OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED (BY FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTION) SCENIC AREA OR IN AN OFFICIALLY MAPPED AREAS OF SEVERE GEOLOGIC HAZARD], CLASS 6(2) [BASIC DATA COLLECTION, FIELD TESTING, RESEARCH, EXPERIMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCE ACTIVITIES OF CITY DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS, DIVISIONS, SECTIONS, OFFICES OR OFFICERS WHICH DO NOT RESULT IN SERIOUS OR MAJOR DISTURBANCES TO AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE], CLASS 11(5) [SIGNS LOCATED ON CITY PROPERTY MANAGED BY A CITY DEPARTMENT WHICH HAS A SIGN POLICY ADOPTED BY ITS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS] AND CLASS 11(6) [CONSTRUCTION OR PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO (APPURTENANT TO) EXISTING COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL OR INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(c), 15304(a), 15306 AND 15311 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

B. Aguirre _____ M. Rudnick _____
H. Fujita _____ *for* *C. Santo Domingo DF _____
B. Jackson _____ N. Williams _____



General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

If Approved: Board President  Board Secretary 

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work and total budget for the Griffith Park – Bronson Canyon Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21207) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to commit from the following fund and work order numbers a maximum of Five Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand, Nine Hundred Twelve Dollars and Eighty-Seven Cents (\$553,912.87) in Park Fees, for the proposed Project:

<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.</u>	<u>WORK ORDER NO.</u>
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM171445
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT082869
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM210403
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP002015
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM142579
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT077087
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP002214
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP002699
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP002360
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP002696

3. Approve the proposed Project to be bid and constructed through the RAP’s list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;
4. Approve the authorization of change orders as authorized under Report No. 06-136, for the construction contracts for this proposed Project in the budget contingency amounts for such contracts as stated in this Report;
5. Determine that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3) [Operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, storage areas, parking lots, etc.], Class 4(1) [Grading on land with a slope of less than ten percent (10%), except where it is to be located in a waterway, in any wetland, officially designated (by federal, State, or local governmental action) scenic area or in an officially mapped areas of severe geologic hazard], Class 6(2) [Basic data collection, field testing, research, experimental management and resource activities of City Departments, bureaus, divisions, sections, offices or officers which do not result in serious or major disturbances to an environmental resource], Class 11(5) [Signs located on City property managed by a City department which has a sign policy adopted by its department’s Board of Commissioners] and Class 11(6) [Construction or placement of minor structures

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accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial or institutional facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(c), 15304(a), 15306 and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines and direct RAP Staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk;

- 6. Authorize RAP’s Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of \$75.00 for the purpose of filing a NOE; and,
- 7. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Griffith Park is located at 4730 Crystal Springs Drive in the Hollywood community of the City. This 4,281.73-acre park provides a wide variety of recreational programs and activities, such as train rides, a merry-go-round, hiking trails, and golf courses, for the local community. Bronson Canyon is located at 3200 Canyon Drive, within Griffith Park, in the southwest section of the park. Approximately 18,155 City residents live within a one-half (½) mile walking distance of Griffith Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Griffith Park meets the standard for a Regional Park as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The proposed Project includes the following:

- Installation of new concrete sidewalk, entrance fence/gate, retaining walls, asphalt, curb ramps, signage and striping.
- Grading of existing road.
- Adjustments to existing irrigation systems and stream protection procedures.
- Services to provide biological and topographical surveys.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, Five Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand, Nine Hundred Twelve Dollars and Eighty-Seven Cents (\$553,912.87) in Park Fees can be committed to the proposed Project.

The total amount of funding available for the proposed Project is Five Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand, Nine Hundred Twelve Dollars and Eighty-Seven Cents (\$553,912.87), which will be the total budget for this Project inclusive of the budget contingency amounts set forth below.

It is anticipated that the following pre-qualified on-call contracts will be used for the Project with the following budget contingency amounts:

On-Call Contract	Budget Contingency Amount
Park Facilities	\$100,000.00

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These Park Fees were collected within ten (10) miles of the Project site in Griffith Park, which is the standard distance for the commitment of Park Fees for regional recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	\$205,717.09	37%
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	\$348,195.78	63%
Total		\$553,912.87	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified and construction for the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in Fall 2023.

TREES AND SHADE

This proposed Project will have no impact on the existing trees and shade at Griffith Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of:

- minor alteration of existing streets and sidewalks;
- grading on land with a slope of less than ten percent (10%);
- basic data collection which does not result in serious disturbances to an environmental resource;
- installation of signs located on City property managed by a City department which has a sign policy adopted by its Board of Commissioners; and
- construction of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing institutional facilities.

According to the parcel profile report retrieved on December 13, 2002 this area resides in a liquefaction zone. The construction of this Project will not create conditions that could lead to liquefaction. This site is not within a coastal or methane, and the project scope includes a biological assessment of the area to protect the environmental resources of the site. As such there is no reasonable possibility that the proposed Project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern or have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances. No other known projects would involve cumulatively significant impacts, and no future projects would result from the proposed Project. As of December 13, 2022, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWCB) (Geotracker at <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>) have not listed the Project site or any contaminated sites near the Project area (within 500 feet). According to the Caltrans Scenic Highway Map there is no scenic highway located within the vicinity of the proposed Project or within its site. Furthermore, the proposed Project is located within Griffith Park, a City of Los Angeles Historic

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Cultural Monument (HCM #942), but the nature of the project is such that it will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of any historical resource.

Based in this information, RAP Staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners (Board) determines that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3), Class 4(1), Class 6(2), Class 11(5) and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(c), 15304(a), 15306 and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff will file a NOE with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this commitment of Park Fees for this Project will have no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund. The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Park Fees or funding sources other than RAP's General fund. The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with no overall impact to existing maintenance service at this facility.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

Goal No. 1: Provide Safe and Accessible Parks

Outcome No. 2: All parks are safe and welcoming

Result: The improvements to the Bronson Canyon area at Griffith Park will increase safety and enhance the park user's experience.

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